Registration now open for DNREC-organized 2018 Delaware Wetlands Conference

DOVER — Registration is open now for the 2018 Delaware Wetlands Conference, organized by DNREC's Division of Watershed Stewardship, to be held Wednesday, Jan. 31 and Thursday, Feb. 1 at the Chase Center on the Riverfront in Wilmington. Online registration and information about the event, including sponsorships, can be found at de.gov/dewetlandsconference.

DNREC's Wetland Monitoring and Assessment Program and the Delaware Coastal Training Program have planned a two-day event that showcases the importance of wetlands. Each day includes invited speakers, poster sessions, networking time, lunches and a total of 62 presentations that cover wetland restoration, climate change, mapping, education and outreach, planning and conservation and plants and animals. New to this year's conference is a wetlands poster contest for undergraduate and graduate college students.

More than 400 wetland experts and enthusiasts from the Mid-Atlantic area are expected to gather at the biennial conference to share the latest innovations in wetland research, outreach and conservation programs. The conference brings together scientists, planners, county and federal representatives, community leaders, educators and natural resource managers to discuss current research on tidal and non-tidal wetlands, the value of the region's wetlands and the impact their management has on the community.

Discounted conference admission rates are available through Wednesday, Dec. 6 for early-bird registration. Registration closes Wednesday, Jan. 24.

For more information on the 2018 Delaware Wetlands Conference, including the agenda, list of presentations, and instructions on how to submit a poster, please visit <u>Delaware Wetlands</u> <u>Conference</u>, or contact Brittany Haywood at <u>Brittany.Haywood@delaware.gov</u>, or 302-739-9939.

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